

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 30, 2004 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-27 are in the case. Claims 8-15 and 19-27 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-7 and 16-18 have been deemed to contain allowable subject matter if claim 1 is rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112.

By this amendment, claims 21-27 have been cancelled, claims 1, 3, 5, and 6 have been amended, and claims 28 and 29 have been added. Newly added claims 28 and 29 are directed to the elected species. For the reasons set forth below, claims 1-20, 28, and 29 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks, is therefore respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Office Action finds Applicant's recitation of "a plurality of anchors extending substantially homogeneously from within and extending from said vessel..." to be inaccurate.

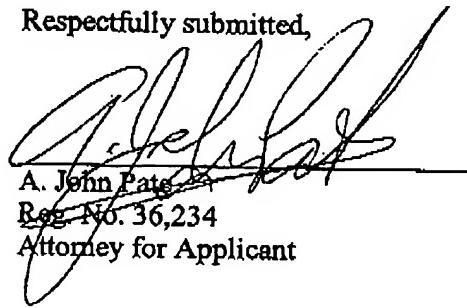
By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the examiner. Specifically, claim 1 now recites "a plurality of anchors extending substantially homogeneously from within and outwardly from the back wall of the vessel..." Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Should independent claim 1 be allowed, Applicant request that currently withdrawn dependent claims 8-15, 19, and 20 be considered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a).

In the event that the examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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